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To: FDA

From: Kathy Dorn

Re: Docket #98N-1038 – Labeling of Irradiated Foods

Dear FDA,

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I am writing to demand that you retain all labeling requirements for irradiated foods. A consumer's basic right to know what processes a food is subjected to, is at stake here. I further encourage you to avoid any misleading labels such as "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization," since that is a deliberate attempt to deceive the public and also violates a person's right to know. I would further demand from the FDA that you make labeling requirements for irradiated food more comprehensive to include irradiated ingredients and prominent labeling of whole foods such as fruits and vegetables.

It is a fact that irradiation can deplete nutrients, create harmful chemicals in food, and alter the taste and texture of certain foods. If the benefits of irradiation outweigh the risks then producers of irradiated foods should be proud to label the products truthfully.

Please do not bow to the demands of corporate agriculture in eliminating labels. It is the FDA's role to serve the people not the corporations.

Thank you for Your Attention to This Matter,

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